

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michelle Boling Samples upon earning a Master of Health Science degree and certification as a physician assistant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those outstanding citizens who have pursued higher education to the great benefit of their respective professions and communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Michelle Boling Samples, who, at the age of sixty, recently completed the Master of Health Science program at South College in Knoxville and earned certification as a physician assistant; and

WHEREAS, one of the institution's oldest graduates ever, Ms. Samples also received South College's Community Service Award for her community outreach while a student there; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Samples has been an excellent student since her halcyon days at Lenoir City High School, from which she graduated third in her class of 1973; an honor student, she was recognized in *Who's Who* and received a four-year scholarship to the University of Tennessee (UT); and

WHEREAS, she graduated from UT with honors in 1978, earning a degree in microbiology and medical technology; she then worked in the medical technology field for ten years and held supervisory positions at Baptist Hospital and Park West Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Samples earned a master's degree in industrial hygiene from UT in 1988, graduating with high honors; she then worked in dental offices to establish their compliance with OSHA standards in blood borne pathogen protection and hazardous communication; and

WHEREAS, her new role as a physician assistant not only opens up new vistas for personal and professional achievement, but also demonstrates Ms. Samples's ongoing commitment to public service and quality health care; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Boling Samples epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Samples for her excellence as a scholar and a health care professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Michelle Boling Samples upon earning a Master of Health Science degree from South College and being certified as a physician assistant and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.